

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 TOKYO 01130 231040Z
ACTION EA-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-01 INR-07
L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15
USIA-06 OMB-01 EB-08 COME-00 TRSE-00 /068 W
-----106732 231124Z /21

R 230934Z JAN 78
FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4576
INFO AMEMBASSY SEOUL
AMEMBASSY TAIPEI
AMCONSUL HONG KONG
USLO PEKING
CINCPAC HONOLULU

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE TOKYO 1130

CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: PINT, JA
SUBJECT: FUKUDA POLICY SPEECH IN DIET

REF: TOKYO 1038

1. AT OPENING OF 1978 DIET SESSION ON JAN. 21, PRIMIN
FUKUDA GAVE HALF-HOUR POLICY SPEECH WHICH FOCUSSED ON
THEME OF WORLD "COOPERATION AND SOLIDARITY" TO COPE
WITH PROBLEMS AT HOME AND ABROAD. HE SPOKE OF GOJ'S
MAKING RENEWED AND DETERMINED EFFORT, BOTH AS GOVERNMENT
RESPONSIBLE TO PEOPLE AND AS RESPONSIBLE MEMBER OF WORLD
COMMUNITY, TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC RECOVERY. IN HIS STATEMENTS
ON WORLD ECONOMY, INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY AND DEFENSE,
FUKUDA REITERATED SUPREME IMPORTANCE GOJ ATTACHES
TO CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH US. (SEE SEPTELS ON POL
FOREIGN POLICY AND ECONOMIC SUBJECTS.)

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 TOKYO 01130 231040Z

2. SECTION ON DEFENSE INCLUDED FOR FIRST TIME IN DIET
POLICY SPEECH. WE ARE TOLD THAT MODERATE OPPOSITION
PARTIES' RECENT MOVES TOWARD ACCEPTANCE US-JAPAN MST AND
POLLS INDICATING SUPPORT FOR SELF DEFENSE FORCES ENCOURAGED
PRIMIN TO ASSESS MOOD AS CONDUCIVE TO SUCH INNOVATION.

3. SUMMARIZED BELOW ARE MAIN POINTS IN SPEECH:

- ECONOMY - PRIMIN WARNED OF RENEWED THREAT OF TRADE PROTECTIONISM;
- PROMISED TO REDUCE JAPAN'S CURRENT ACCOUNT SURPLUS AND OPEN JAPAN MARKET FOR MORE IMPORTS;
- ADMITTED FAILURE OF GOJ'S EFFORTS TO FOSTER ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN 1977;
- PROMISED DETERMINED EFFORT TO REACH 7 PERCENT GROWTH TARGET FOR JFY-78 THROUGH SOUND FISCAL MEASURES.
- DEFENSE - FUKUDA SAID GOJ WOULD ASSURE SMOOTH AND EFFICIENT WORKING OF SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS WITH US;
- CALLED FOR PEOPLE'S INCREASED UNDERSTANDING OF NEED FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE.
- FOREIGN POLICY - FUKUDA DESCRIBED US-JAPAN MST AS CORNERSTONE OF FOREIGN POLICY;
- SAID GOJ DETERMINED TO CONCLUDE PFT WITH CHINA ASAP;
- TERMED RETURN OF NORTHERN TERRITORIES ESSENTIAL FOR STABLE JAPAN-USSR RELATIONSHIP;
- SAID JAPAN HAD IMPORTANT ROLE IN MAINTENANCE OF WORLD PEACE AND PROSPERITY AND WOULD DISCHARGE THAT RESPONSIBILITY.

4. COMMENT: WHAT WAS MOST NOTICEABLE WAS CARE PRIMIN TOOK TO STRESS CONTINUED IMPORTANCE JAPAN ATTACHED TO OVERALL RELATIONSHIP WITH US, POINT THAT SURFACED SEVERAL TIMES THROUGHOUT SPEECH. IN GENERAL, ADDRESS WAS UNEXCEPTIONAL BUT, AS IS TYPICAL OF PRIMINISTERIAL POLICY SPEECHES, WAS GIVEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 TOKYO 01130 231040Z

CRITICAL RECEPTION BOTH BY PRESS AND OPPOSITION. ALL OPPOSITION PARTIES ECHOED CGP LINE THAT FUKUDA HAD GIVEN SERMON INSTEAD OF ADMITTING HIS RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPOSED MISMANGEMENT OF ECONOMY. MOST PRESS EDITORIALS AGREED, WITH SOME NOTING THAT FUKUDA'S WORDS WERE UNINSPIRING AND POLICIES STILL INSUFFICIENTLY CLEAR.
MANSFIELD

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POLICIES, SPEECHES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 23 jan 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978TOKYO01130
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780033-0892
Format: TEL
From: TOKYO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780132/aaaabast.tel
Line Count: 101
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 47f324e1-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 TOKYO 1038
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3728376
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: FUKUDA POLICY SPEECH IN DIET
TAGS: PINT, JA, (FUKUDA, TAKEO)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/47f324e1-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014